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Students can save money by comparing textbook prices from different outlets. The newest trend: rental programs.

SPORTS



With a last-second goal by Bethany Davidson, MSU's soccer team beat Miami University 1-0.

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Textbook rentals promise savings

Web sites and book stores offer semester-long rental plans

LOGAN TODD — STAFF WRITER

The price of textbooks has been an issue of concern for colleges and students for several decades. Textbook costs have increased 186 percent since 1986 according to a July 2005 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Meanwhile, some alternatives such as text book rentals have popped up online.

Bernard Voss, a senior psychology student, paid \$250.64 at the University Bookstore for two psychology books and hardware required for his classes this semester. For the exact same textbooks and hardware on the popular textbook rental website Chegg.com his cost would have been \$125.89, but Voss would have to return the books at the end of the semester. Other websites such as bookcenter.com and campusbookrentals.com offer similar prices for book rentals.

"If there are not competitive prices in town then student will go elsewhere. The local bookstores are convenient, but few students are in a position to turn down the hundreds of dollars

they can save online," said Voss.

Textbooks for college cost students an average of \$850 a year, and more than half of students say that this additional cost creates a difficult financial situation for them, according to the National Center for Education Statistics for 2003/2004.

"The way things are set up now students don't have much of a choice for book prices, it's just expensive," said junior Derrick Helphentien.

One option that many schools and textbook companies are looking into is a textbook rental program. Some schools received grants for

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LIFE & ARTS



Various snacks can be found in vending machines. Some are healthy, some not.

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Clinic offers free flu shots

BETTY CHANEY — LIFE&ARTS EDITOR

No new cases of the H1N1 virus have been confirmed on campus in the past week, Dr. Brenda Wilburn, director of counseling and health services, said. Seasonal flu shots will be available today.

Vaccinations are available until 7 p.m. Wilburn said "Students, faculty, staff, retirees and their spouses will be able to get the shot free."

Wilburn encouraged people to get vaccinated in order to stay healthy.

"Every year 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 people die from seasonal flu and its complications," she said.

Wilburn said she would not be surprised if a large crowd shows up.

"There has been so much awareness and how much it's been in the media," she said.

Additional vaccination dates may be set.

"Once we see how big of a demand there and we check with our supplier, we could set up additional vaccination clinics," she said.



Carlo Angerer / The Trail Blazer file photo

The ROTC program promises military training while in college and money to pay for education. But the program has a hard time finding scholarship applicants.

ROTC: More scholarships than applicants

ALLI COLLIS — STAFF WRITER

Despite higher tuition costs and economic troubles, Morehead State University's ROTC program struggles to find scholarship applicants. Lt. Col. Max Ammons, head of MSU's ROTC program, said while enrollment in ROTC has not seen major changes, the number of scholarship applicants has decreased from around 23 applicants last year to 19 applicants this year.

Ammons said about 120 people inquire about the ROTC scholarships every year. Nationwide the number of scholarships awarded has increased over the past three years. At MSU the number of scholarships available has also increased, but not enough stu-

dents apply. The maximum number of scholarships has not been met this year.

Freshman Patrick Campbell has received a scholarship to come to MSU and said combining military experience with higher education would benefit him in the future.

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The Eagles started with a strong first set, but lost 3-1 against Marshall University.

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Blue blogger in red state

CARLO ANGERER — EDITOR

The words used to write about Democratic Senator Max Baucus's health care bill were frank: "Now, I know why Baucus shouldn't get any credit. It's because he's stupid."

These words do not stem from a right-wing blog or Sarah Palin's Facebook profile; they are written by Ric Carie, an outspoken MSU government professor, on his blog Red State Impressions (<http://red-state.blogspot.com>), which offers a left perspective on American political life.

Although Carie writes from the left and has been

critic of Republicans, especially the Bush administration, he has also criticized some Democrats including Baucus in yesterday's blog spot.

"I've been more critical of progressives for focusing so much on the media," Carie said. "They are also not very inclusive, of the labor union, of minorities. I'd like progressives to be more open."

But conservatives are still his favorite target. On Tuesday he commented on Linda McMahon, the CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment, gearing up to run for the Republicans in

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Carlo Angerer / The Trail Blazer

MSU Professor Ric Carie says blogging daily has helped him overcome writer's block.

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pilot textbook rental programs allocated in the 2008 amendment of the Higher Education Act. The amendment provided a pilot grant program in which 10 universities, chosen on a competitive basis, were given grants to provide materials to rent, to hire staff required to run the program, with priority given to undergraduate students, and to build additional storage facilities needed for the program.

There are currently 26 universities that utilize textbook rental programs in the United States, and each program is customized to the needs of each individual university, according to the Used Textbook Association.

There are several more institutions that use what is known as a hybrid rental program and rent only select titles, such as books for entry-level courses. Students have to purchase books for other courses.

Morehead State's University Bookstore has looked into the textbook rental process already, and even proposed a pilot hybrid rental program to the

administration in 2006. The proposal predicted students saving up to 60 percent on textbooks, but priority was given to other programs by a strategic initiative funding committee made up of faculty, staff, administration, and students.

"We are always researching new methods. We agree that textbook prices are high, and we want to stay competitive and have a good price for our students," said the University Bookstore's General Manager Cheryl Farmer.

The University Bookstore's Textbook Manager Julie Ferguson said "We have visited several schools that are using pilot programs, and will be attending a symposium in Missouri hosted by our supplier MBS this October."

The symposium will consist of three days of classes designed to educate administrators on new bookstore policies, and will provide more comprehensive financial information about the textbook rental process.

Farmer said "I think that if there was participation and support from the students, faculty and administration a hybrid rental system could work at Morehead."

There is some support for such a system on campus.

Noss said "Most professors I know are in favor of getting students the most effective books and the lowest possible price. They don't want books to cause more of a financial burden than they have to."

Spanish professor Sissy Alloway said "Obviously some books must be updated, but many of them could be used for several years."

Most programs require that faculty use the same textbooks for two to four years, and many professors said this inhibits their ability to choose the course materials that would be most

effective for their students from year to year.

According to the National Association of College Stores (NACS), rental fees for the 2005 academic year ranged from \$20 to \$30 per book offering a significant saving to the student, but the overall start up cost of a rental program deters many institutions from adopting one. A conservative estimate constructed by the NACS for a college with 9,500 students, approximately the enrollment of Morehead State University, is \$3 million.

Textbooks have been available to rent online since 2006 through Bookrenter.com, which claims to be the first online textbook rental source, and several other sites such as Chegg.com which claims a 65 to 85 percent in savings and plants a tree for every book bought, rented, or donated to their site, which has funded over 750 acres of trees.

Some textbook publishers are also adopting the system. Cengage Learning, one of the nation's largest textbook publishers, announced that it would be launching a new site, CengageBrain.com, to enter the textbook rental market and claims to be the first textbook publisher to rent directly to students. The website, which will launch in December of 2009, will offer e-books and textbook rental with a wide variety of options. Cengage Learning also claims that the books will be rented at 40 to 70 percent of the suggested retail price according to Cengage.com.

Bill Redwine, vice president for auxiliary services, said the bookstore would submit another proposal for a rental textbook program if the opportunity were given.

Psychology student Noss, who had spent over \$250 for his psychology, said he would consider using a rental program if available.

Red State Impressions

The professor at a regional university who has been in North Carolina and Tennessee most of his life, is now commenting on American politics and culture from a left perspective that is quite new.

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The Painful Stupidity of Max Baucus

Max Baucus finally unveiled the "Baucus Bill" on health care today and I'm disappointed to give Baucus credit for any of the work he and his staff did on the legislation. I'm for the public option, but I thought Baucus got credit for a sincere effort to craft a bi-partisan bill. Certainly, the effort to put together bi-partisan legislation took hundreds of hours of negotiation and writing. Why, I thought, shouldn't Baucus be congratulated for his hard work even though he had little chance of success?

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Barack Obama Experiences
Do you know about Barack Obama Experiences?

screen shot / red-state.blogspot.com on his blog.

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a Connecticut Senate race.

He writes "Linda McMahon is the perfect Republican politician for these times. Actually, I'm rather surprised that the WWE has not run its executives, wrestlers, managers, and divas all over the country as Republican candidates. It's been known for a long time that politics is show business, and the WWE puts on the kind of show that Republicans like to see. It's a natural fit."

Caric said he first started writing online on a daily basis shortly after the 9/11 terror attacks, concentrating on the possibility of a war against Iraq, which later would come true.

"I was convinced within days of the attack that the Bush administration was gearing up to invade Iraq,"

he said.

Caric first wrote in chat rooms of the online magazine State using various names such as "Riccaric," "keespacelureye" or "pinkroom."

"I'm the kind of person who gets bored with myself very easily," he said.

In 2004, he moved from the chat rooms to his own blog, and since 2006 he writes under the blog title "Red State Impressions." Caric averages about 10 posts a week updating the site sometimes multiple times per day.

"I have excess opinion that I want to write about beyond teaching or academic writing," he said.

Caric said the blog allows students to know about his political thoughts without injecting them into his regular teaching. In the classroom he takes various points of views to or-

chestrate discussion; on his blog his personal view of politics becomes clear.

Jordan Maynard, one of his students and a self-identified conservative, said he appreciates professors writing about their political opinions, even if he disagrees.

"I think anytime a university professor expresses their views outside of the classroom, it is helpful to the learning process," he said. "It's actually problematic that more conservative thinkers do not blog on the college front."

Caric said writing a blog post every day has helped him with his academic writing by formulating new opinions and ideas.

"I've always struggled with my academic writing - writer's block and writer's anxiety - but writing every day has made it easier," he said.

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"Being a scholarship recipient was helpful because it gave me a little taste of what it's like to be in the ROTC early in the school year," Campbell said. "I've always had a desire to en-

list in the military, so I thought that something that I wanted to do that could pay for my degree would be a perfect choice."

Although there has been a decrease in the number of applicants, the number of actual scholarship recipients at MSU has increased. Last year, 10 students re-

ceived scholarships. So far this semester, six students have been selected for scholarships. Ammons said another six to eight students are working to become qualified for them, but said he was unsure how enrollment would develop in the future.

"My assessment for why our enrollment hasn't increased in ROTC is because students do not know about it, and are afraid to ask," Ammons said. "Many students who initially express interest ROTC scholarships, only do so because of financial benefit. While it is true that ROTC cadets receive many benefits for school, participation requires the same level of dedication one would expect of a collegiate athlete."

The ROTC provides scholarships to tuition and guarantees employment after graduation. A student that becomes a military officer upon college graduation could receive up to \$45,000 a year, with full benefits.

Ammons stresses that though the financial benefits of ROTC are excellent, becoming a scholarship recipient is not easy. He said applicants have to have a solid academic record, be physically fit and motivated to serve the community and nation.

"ROTC isn't for everyone," he said, "but I encourage students to take Military Science classes. Students can learn time management, leadership, goal setting,

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EDITORIAL

Ways to save on books are plenty

At the beginning of each semester, students are confronted with the same problem — how to pay for textbooks that become more expensive every year.

A study conducted by the Government Accountability Office reports that over the past two decades, textbook prices have risen twice as fast as the annual inflation rate.

Some textbooks are updated yearly, so students cannot purchase a used book. They are forced to buy the new edition.

But with the advent of new textbook options, students have a way to fight back.

Some publishers are starting to introduce eBooks and promise savings from reduced publishing costs. This option also helps the environment.

Web sites that rent books also have sprung up. Students can now rent a textbook for the length of the semester, use it and ship it back. The Web sites promise savings of up to 75 percent.

And then there are other bookstores off campus where students can look for alternative pricing and circumvent buying at university-owned bookstores.

Students should look at different options when purchasing textbooks, because they could save a lot of money.

But other members of the academic community should also assist with rising prices.

Professors should avoid requiring only the latest editions of textbooks for their classes. While some things have to be updated regularly, facts in many academic disciplines certainly don't change on a yearly basis. Also, professors should limit the number of books they use in a class. Do students really have to purchase a book, when only one or two chapters will be used during the course of the semester? Some materials can be found online for free.

MSU administrators should try innovative ways to lower textbook prices sold at the university bookstore.

Other universities have successfully instituted rental programs. Similar to the new Web sites, students pay a fee to use a book for one semester and return it at the end of the semester.

Although instituting a rental program could involve significant start-up costs, it would create benefits in the long run, not just for students, but also for the university.

As students and families increasingly look at how much bang for the buck they get in the educational market, Morehead State University could set itself apart, not only in offering a good tuition value, but also in providing lower additional costs, such as the cost of textbooks.

The University Bookstore had a plan in the past to start a rental program, but it did not make it through the approval process. It should give the plan another try.

Be part of the discussion

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or e-mailed to editor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication.

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COMMENTARY

It's simple, wash your hands!



BRITTANY
PITTMAN
—
STAFF
WRITER

Just think of how many times you touch your eyes, nose, and mouth, touch a surface, or shake someone's hand on a daily basis.

How confident are you that other people have washed their hands after using the restroom?

According to the American Society for Microbiology, if you ask people if they washed their hands after using the restroom, 97 percent of them will say "yes." Too bad that out of that 97 percent only 55 percent are telling the truth.

How can a simple practice of washing your hands

after using the restroom be so hard for some people to do? Not only is it disgusting for you to not wash your hands after using the restroom, it is unsanitary and can lead to the spread of many illnesses: the flu, a common cold, e.coli, and salmonella poisoning are all things a person can catch if they do not wash their hands and of course, the infamous swine flu.

With all the media hype about the H1N1 virus and the emphasis on taking precaution to prevent getting sick by washing their hands, I decided to see just how many women I saw come out of the stall and head for the door instead of the sink.

It shocked me to see several women come out of the stall, look in the mirror to make sure their hair was

in the right place or if their make-up looked flawless, but they disregarded that shiny, silver thing called a faucet.

Did they not read the many signs about the importance of washing your hands after using the restroom?

Don't they know that over 229,000 germs can be transferred from a restroom door to a person's hand and that number will continue to multiply with each person neglecting to wash their hands?

Instances like these make me think with all the worries about the H1N1 virus still has not changed most Americans' hand-washing habits.

So, like me, what if you are one of those people who do wash their hands every time they use the

restroom? Unfortunately if you go behind a person who has failed to wash their hands and you touch that restroom door then their germs can spread to you, therefore it negates the fact that you washed your hands in the first place.

There is a simple solution. Everyone should wash their hands every time they use the restroom. It's that easy.

I was hopeful that with the recent attention on the Swine Flu that it might encourage people to be more conscious about washing their hands, but after seeing so many women worry about their appearance rather than the germs that they could be spreading, I find myself wondering what it's going to take to make everyone wash their hands.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the Sept. 10 editorial "Faculty under pressure"

To the editor and staff, I appreciate the editorial "Faculty under pressure" in the September 10 Trail Blazer. It is gratifying to realize that students are aware of the increasing responsibilities and expectations put upon faculty. As your editorial suggested, regardless of the virtue of any particular extra obligations, these will

cause diminishing returns over time.

The perpetual expansion of job duties used to be referred to, quite accurately, as "speedup" or "stretchout." Now it is usually called something innocuous like "continuous improvement," a management practice conjured up in the 1970s to require workers to do uncompensated work. It should be noted that as stressful as this is for university faculty, it is even more acute in the larger arena of wage and professional work outside of

academics, particularly in private sector employment. And it is universal.

The community-based regional engagement initiatives undertaken by MSU faculty can be valuable additions to the services that a public institution should provide—I have participated in many of them. The various assessment, audit, and curriculum reviews that faculty undertake are often necessary and generally helpful to the university and the broader community. But as such non-teaching obligations

relentlessly expand, without a regional and national commitment to enhance resources and personnel, the academic speedup will cause the erosion of morale and effectiveness among faculty and staff at our country's schools, colleges, and universities.

Sincerely,
John Hemen
Professor of History,
Department of History,
Philosophy, Religion,
and Legal Studies

CAMPUS COMMENT

How much are you paying for textbooks?



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"A little too much. I had to buy books and software. They should already have the software on the computers."

"I don't know, about \$200. I tried to pirate the Norton Anthology of Literature from the Internet, but was unsuccessful."

"Around \$300. Compared to other schools, it's not that bad. I went to Eastern, it was about \$600. I'll take the \$300."

"They're usually \$300 to \$500. This semester would have been \$500, but I got them from chegg.com for under \$300."

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Healthy options don't sell

BETTY CHANEY - LIFE & ARTS EDITOR

Brittney Justice slowly inserts her money into a vending machine on the first floor of Breckinridge Hall. The MSU student steps back and examines the contents behind the glass before making her selection. Tonight's winner is B3, a bag of cheddar-flavored Chex Mix.

"I get a lot of stuff out of vending machines because I don't have time to eat full meals," she says. "I don't have a meal plan because I live at home so I never go to eat in Alumni unless I have a lot of cash on me."

Justice says she usually purchases the same thing.

"I try to get chips," she says. "If I'm super hungry then I try to get something else, too."

Justice says she likes Chex Mix but has other thoughts about the snack options.

"I live out of those machines," she says.

"What healthy options are there? There are Nutri-Grain bars but Nutri-Grain is gross. I like nuts, trail mix, and granola bars that aren't Nutri-Grain."

Fellow students Katie Mooney says she often purchases food from snack machines.

Mooney says, "I get Chex Mix because there's a lot in the bag. There is a lot of unhealthy stuff in machines. Sometimes if I don't have time to eat I'll grab a candy bar."

Angela Hardesty says her breakfast usually comes from the on-campus vending machines.

"I get whole-grain Pop-Tarts and water, nothing else is really healthy," Hardesty says. "That's my breakfast most days."

Hardesty says she would rather see something else in the snack machines.

"I wish there were Nature Valley granola bars," she says.

Terry Mays, MSU's vending manager, says he is open to suggestions for the 31 snack machines on MSU's campus.

"Anyone is free to call or e-mail an item suggestion," he says. "We don't say no. We give it a try."

Healthy snacks have been offered in the past but do not sell like the other options, Mays says.

"We've had a request for baked chips but we can only put four or five bags in a machine," he says. "The rows are about 10 deep but they just don't sell like regular chips. That's all that will sell while the product is still fresh."

Mays says some machines offered dry cereal in the past but it did not sell before it expired. There are still healthy options.

"There's pretzels," he says. "There's Chex cracker sandwiches and Nutri-Grain bars."

Mix with 60 percent less fat. We sell the cracker sandwiches and Nutri-Grain bars."

Mays says while he listens to suggestions and can order additional items, he has to ultimately decide which items will stay and which will not.

"I would like to offer more healthy stuff but it's not going to sell," he says. "We put stuff there that will sell."

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I would like to offer more healthy stuff but it's not going to sell. We put stuff in there that will sell.

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Terry Mays
- Vending Manager



Colin Baker / The Trail Blazer

A lot of students are not aware of calorie content of the items in the snack machines.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 17

Constitution Day will be held at the Morehead Conference Center on Thursday, September 17 at 7p.m. The Main Stage Program includes Dr. James Mueller, associate professor of journalism at the University of North Texas, speaking on his reflection of media in democracy and its connection to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Also during the night the Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards will be given, along with grants for students involvement in civic projects.

"For students it's a way to become more engaged with the political process by learning how presidents relate to the media," said Janet McCoy, chair of the steering committee.

Monday, Sept. 21

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is showcasing an exhibit "Rhythm in Relief: The Works of Lavon Williams." His exhibit is on display now and will be at the Center until September 30.

"The Kentucky Folk Art Center has had a relationship with Lavon Williams for many years," said Matt Collinsworth of the KFAC.

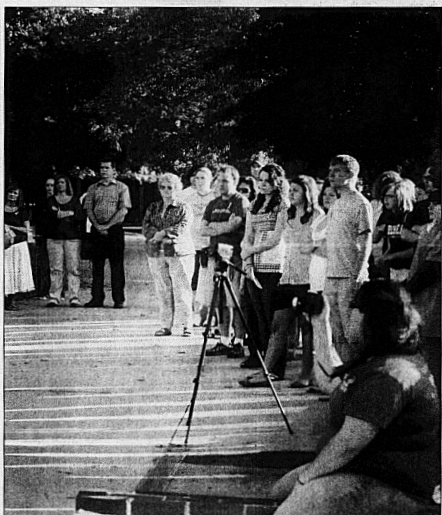
Collinsworth said Williams learned to carve as a child and his gift for hammer and wood carvings is incredibly unique. The Florida native came to the University of Kentucky as a basketball player. After his career ended in the early 1990s, he took up art once again. The artist also has local ties to Morehead, his daughter, DeVonda Williams, attended MSU. This traveling exhibit has made a one-time visit to the KFAC and after it leaves it will move onto other parts of Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

The Student Programming Board will be sponsoring a healthy eating event on the second floor of ADUC.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about nutrition, especially in college," Bethany Muncy, SPB's entertainment events coordinator, said. "We want to bring awareness to what people are putting in their bodies."

Reporting by Emily Johnson - Staff Writer,
Betty Chaney - Life & Arts Editor



Cody Evans / The Trail Blazer

A crowd gathers near the Little Bell Tower to listen to Lt. Col. Max Ammons, professor of military science, reflect on the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Ammons encouraged those in attendance to look forward to the future instead of looking back and being embarrassed.

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Eagles grab 1-0 win with last-second goal

CLAYTON AKERS —
SPORTS EDITOR

Eagle senior Bethany Davidson netted the winning goal in the final seconds of overtime to take down Miami University (Ohio) 1-0 Friday night at Jacobs field.

The first two periods saw neither team score in a defensive battle with great saves by each goalkeeper.

It was a physical match between the RedHawks and Eagles, which saw 27 total fouls committed by the two teams. The Eagles committed 14 fouls, the Red Hawks 13.

MSU coach Warren Lipka said the team has been working on being more physical in matches.

"We want to establish that this is our home field and we're going to protect it," Lipka said. "Yeah, we've been imaging winning 50/50 ball and being a bit more physical because that's what it takes to win tough games like this."

In the first overtime each team was still struggling to find the net against each other. When it looked like the match was going into a second overtime a Miami foul with 33 seconds left gave MSU a free kick.

Junior Erin Adams hit a hard shot around a wall of Miami players which was misjudged by RedHawks goalkeeper Krista Pace, and senior Bethany Davidson was there to follow up on the rebound and hit the winning goal post.

"I knew E (Erin Adams) was going to hit a really hard shot. I just tried to get on my girl and roll off

of her," Davidson said. "Thankfully the goalie dropped it and I just hit it in."

Lipka said the team executed the play perfectly. "They executed it. They did exactly what we wanted to do," Lipka said. "Hit a hard shot off goal and follow up on a rebound and punch it in."

RedHawks players had a tough time getting anything past MSU goal keeper Lily Meisner, who made one terrific save after another. Meisner had total of eight saves and captured her second shutout in a row.

Lipka spoke highly of Meisner and the team's defensive performance over the past two matches.

"Lily has been really tight this last two games. She's shut out one SEC team (University of Kentucky) and one top MAC school (Miami University). She's really came up big for us in the game," Lipka said.

"I also think our back four has done outstanding. Our defenders have really come together and tightened it up."

The RedHawks held the advantage in shots on goal 16-13 and in corner kicks 8-5, but MSU got the upper in the category that really counts, the scoreboard.

Miami (Ohio) was led by the goalkeeper Pace who had five saves and Sara Lund, who led the team in shots taken with five. The RedHawks dropped to 2-2 on the season.

MSU will try to continue the streak as it travels to Athens, Ohio, on Friday to take on Ohio University.



Sophomore Devan Jordan attacks the Miami (Ohio) defense Friday night at Jacobs Field.

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Volleyball falls against Marshall after strong start

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The Lady Eagles volleyball team fell 3-1 (29-27, 25-17, 25-20, 25-21) to the Marshall Thundering Herd Tuesday night at Wetherby.

The loss drops MSU to 7-4 on the season. Morehead State came out in firing in the first set, aggressively attacking against the Thundering Herd. It was a back-and-forth physical battle that saw 10 ties and three lead changes. When MSU pulled away to a 20-12 lead, Marshall rallied back with an 11-3 run to pull the set even at 23-23. The Lady Eagles kept their composure and fought off several set points to take the set 29-27.

Head Coach Jaime Gordon said the first set showed the character of the team.

"The first set was a battle. We had some set points that Marshall fought off and they turned around and had some set points we had to fight off," Gordon said.

"That's one of the characteristics of this team is they do a great job of fighting." The Thundering Herd took the next set, 25-17, and held the momentum for the rest of the match.

"After that set, Marshall stepped it up a little bit more and we didn't," Gordon said. "We didn't execute high enough to stay in the match."

Junior outside hitter Kaitlin Craven echoed Gordon. "Marshall just outplayed

us," Craven said. "They were more intense and hitting more."

Craven said the one thing the team could take from the loss was to keep their confidence up throughout the match.

"Don't get down on yourself and to stay confident," Craven said. "We weren't very confident during this match. Just try to keep the composure and pick the confidence back up."

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Head Coach

The Lady Eagles were led by Craven, who recorded a double-double with a team-high 14 kills and 11 digs. Setter Kirstie Brangers netted a double-double of her own with 40 assists and 13 digs. Emma Keough led the front row with eight blocks.

Marshall was led by Kristin Marcum and Emily Sullivan, who recorded 14 kills apiece. Offensively, setter Elizabeth Fleming spread the wealth around with a game-high 45 assists. The Herd improved to 11-2 on the season with

the win. Gordon said the team has to do certain things better entering conference play.

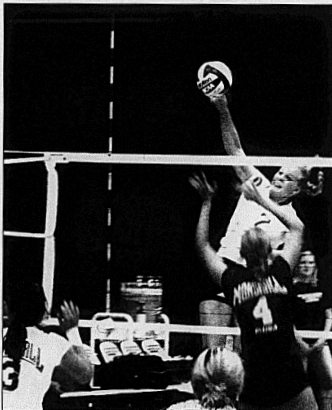
"We played well tonight just not well enough to beat a quality team and that's something that's going to be critical going into conference play. We have got to execute across the board at a high level. We've got to pass better. We've got to set better. We've got to attack better," Gordon said.

Before Tuesday's match MSU went 2-2 in the Michigan/Pepsi Classic in Ann Arbor. The Lady Eagles fell to Missouri 3-1 (15-25, 25-23, 19-25, 8-25) and Michigan 3-0 (22-25, 16-25, 25-20) on Friday. The Lady Eagles rebounded Saturday with wins against Fairfield 3-1 (24-26, 25-17, 25-20, 25-15) and VCU (32-30, 18-25, 25-23, 25-12).

Gordon liked how his team competed in the tournament and against top ranked Michigan.

"Michigan is an outstanding team. They're a very physical, very experienced team," Gordon said. "For us to go into their gym on Friday night before the Notre Dame and Michigan football game, in front of a big crowd, and compete like that and give them all we can handle, says a lot about the talent and hard work our young team can put out on the floor."

The Lady Eagles start conference play this week-end starting with a match against the Murray State Racers Friday at 8 p.m.



Sophomore Emma Keough spikes the ball against Marshall Tuesday.



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The Lady Eagles celebrate after a point against Marshall.

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